

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION  
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016  
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,  
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

**MEETINGS MINUTES**

**Members Present:** David Ojeda, Arnoldo Martinez, Leshawn Bowen, Kyle Hetherington, Roberto Diaz-Brown, Maggie Zheng, Madeleine Zheng, Nia Moran, Karmae Douglass, Patrick Derrig, Ana Mendoza, Aiselyn Anaya, Jazmin Nuñez, Meena Venkataramanan, Brennen Feder, Aaditee Kudrimoti, Ev Essif.

**Non-Members Present:** Paul Lovelis, Kendra Davey, Alexander Lewis, Ed Nossem, Kambri Douglass, Conor O'Donnell.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DAVID OJEDA  
Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – DAVID OJEDA  
Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DAVID OJEDA  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF APRIL 6, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – DAVID OJEDA  
Motion: Maggie Zheng  
Second: Karmae Douglass  
Motion carried unanimously.
- 5.0 INTERIM OFFICER NOMINATIONS  
After presentations from interested candidates for interim YAC/TTC Officer positions, the YAC/TTC nominated, and elected through secret ballot, the following as Interim Officers: President: Brennen Feder; Vice President: Madeleine Zheng; Secretary (Corresponding & Recording): Nia Moran; Treasurer: Aiselyn Anaya.  
Once the YAC/TTC convenes its regular meetings in September 2016, the 2016-2017 slate of officers will be voted on.
- 6.0 CRYSTAL APPLE AWARDS LUNCHEON – ED NOSSEM  
YAC/TTC members were asked to RSVP for the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon and to volunteer for various duties and sit at tables to represent the YAC/TTC. The following members RSVP'd for the event:  
Maggie Zheng - YAC/TTC PRESENTATION; Leshawn Bowen - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; Arnoldo Martinez - POSTER CONTEST WINNERS PRESENTATION;  
Kyle Hetherington – Outstanding Teen Citizen Award recipient; Karmae Douglass – OTC recipient; Aiselyn Anaya; Nia Moran; Patrick Derrig; Glenn Ward; Ana Gloria Mendoza; Ki Huang.

Approved 9/07/2016

7.0 YAC/TTC MEMBERSHIP SURVEYS – PAUL LOVELIS

YAC/TTC members were asked to complete membership surveys, which include information on the decision to join, current extracurricular involvements at school, rating oneself on community involvement and leadership experience, and the most beneficial part of being a YAC/TTC member. These surveys will be used not only for internal MEC office comparisons, but for our Pima County funding metrics.

8.0 FINAL 2015-2016 ITEMS / MEC AUGUST RETREAT

All of the non-graduating YAC/TTC members indicated that they will continue into the 2016-2017 school year. They were reminded that the first YAC/TTC meeting will be at the MEC Retreat, which will take place in the first or second week in August, probably at the U of A Student Union. All members were also encouraged to recruit suitable students to join. We will be sending out periodic email reminders to the students regarding these items.

9.0 PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – KENDRA DAVEY

Kendra Davey related her experience attending an Opportunity Youth Incentive Conference in Chicago, which was sponsored by the Aspen Institute. She learned that a Youth Advisory Council in Austin, Texas has been established, and that there are some things that they are doing that the YAC/TTC can apply. The Austin group's philosophy is, "By Youth, For Youth", and as youth are the experts at being youth, they decide on the structure of their group and activities.

The Austin group works on public speaking skills, works with policy makers to learn how to effect change on policy issues, and how to write policy papers. They also meet with local legislators and other policy makers.

It was pointed out that the MEC's YAC/TTC Bylaws are the structural framework for our group, but that there is considerable leeway regarding how our activities can be structured. These will be discussed at the MEC Retreat.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No action.

11.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Karmae Douglass

Second: Nia Moran

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.